

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF STONES

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of precious stones exported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise; and

(b) the details of the agencies engaged in export of stones, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Due to different units used to quantify various precious stones, quantity-wise cumulative figures of export of precious stones can not be compiled. Moreover, State-wise data on quantity of precious stones exported is not maintained by Government of India. However, data on export value of precious stones (excluding diamonds) exported through notified ports during the last three years and during April-June, 2006 is as follows:-

(In Million US\$)

Port 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 April-June 2006

Mumbai	10.53	10.83	4.90	1.60
Jaipur	141.05	158.16	212.04	45.49
Delhi	26.77	23.60	16.07	2.52
Kolkata	0.04	0.03	0.20	0.48
Chennai	0.08	0.13	0.31	0.00
Cochin	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hyderabad	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Total	178.48	192.75	233.53	50.09

(Source: Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council)

Data on foreign exchange earned country-wise, through export of precious stones (excluding diamonds) is as follows:-

(In Million US\$)

Country 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 April-June 2006

U.S.A.	91.21	88.35	99.06	21.61
Hong Kong	23.92	26.53	37.87	6.52
Thailand	20.61	26.06	39.58	7.87
Japan	12.99	13.60	15.51	2.72
Taiwan	1.38	1.72	1.62	0.44
Lebanon	0.64	1.31	1.34	0.30
U.A.E.	1.91	2.90	5.01	1.51
Australia	1.09	0.88	1.13	0.11
Israel	1.09	1.29	1.25	0.30
Canada	1.25	1.31	1.13	0.18
Germany	6.10	8.57	8.06	1.64
Switzerland	2.34	7.60	4.99	0.76
France	4.58	4.40	2.49	0.77
Italy	9.13	11.45	12.79	3.70
Spain	1.73	1.64	2.80	0.49
U.K.	2.83	2.70	5.51	1.39
Belgium	1.08	0.74	0.81	0.53
Others	5.59	7.34	8.14	2.21
Gross Exports	189.47	208.39	249.09	53.05
Return Consignment	10.99	15.64	15.56	2.96
Net Exports	178.48	192.75	233.53	50.09

(Source: Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council)

(b) Export of precious stones is made by private exporters, which is regulated by the provisions of Foreign Trade Policy and Customs notifications. As per Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), a representative body of the trade, details of their registered member-exporters enrolled in their various Regional offices is as follows:-

Regional Office No. of entities

Mumbai	85
Delhi	84
Jaipur	882
Kolkata	5
Chennai	39
Surat	14
Total	1109

(Source: GJEPC)